REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended so as to rewrite the use claims into conformance with U.S. practice.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Satoshi TAKEO et al.

Bv

Warren M. Cheek, Jr.

Registration No. 33,367 Attorney for Applicants

WMC/dlk Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 April 13, 2006